

# **Independent Living Services for Persons Who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Deaf-Blind HMS 802-09-06**

## **Service Specifications**

1. Provide independent living training services to individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or deaf-blind utilizing a variety of communication modes including American Sign Language, oral and tactile communication.
2. Accept self referrals, community referrals and referrals from Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) counselors of persons who are deaf, hard of hearing, adult deafened or deaf-blind.
3. Meet with the referred individuals and identify their independent living needs.
4. Develop a service plan with each consumer.
5. Provide time limited independent living services as identified on the service plan
6. Provide personal guidance services.
7. Identify employment needs, if appropriate. If they are a client of Vocational Rehabilitation, coordinate employment planning with the VR counselor.
8. Arrange for tutoring or educational workshops to assist consumers in improving skills in identified areas.
9. Instruction and practice in the appropriate use of interpreters.
10. Instruction in work responsibilities, appropriate work behavior and communication strategies on the job.
11. Refer consumers to other agencies as appropriate.